



Providence Public Library (PPL) supports H 5671--An Act Relating to Libraries--Office of Library and Information Services--State Aid to Libraries. Providence Public Library has been the successful applicant for the Statewide Reference Resource Center (also known as AskRI) RFP since 2014. Increasing the length of time between submitting RFPs to OLIS from two to five years would greatly increase PPL's ability to plan and implement long-term goals and solutions around maintaining, marketing and offering new tools and resources with AskRI. We feel strongly that the longer timeline in between RFP cycles would also benefit the people of Rhode Island as PPL would be able to offer a more thoughtful and easier-to-navigate AskRI.

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